SENATE FILE (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE BILL BY CO=CHAIRPERSONS BEHN AND WARNSTADT)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to coverage of losses caused by terrorism in fire insurance policies and providing effective and applicability dates.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 515.138, subsection 6, unnumbered 2 paragraph 10, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as 3 follows: PERILS NOT INCLUDED. This company shall not be liable for 5 loss by fire or other perils insured against in this policy 6 caused, directly or indirectly, by: (a) Enemy attack by armed 7 forces, including action taken by military, naval or air 1 8 forces in resisting an actual or an immediately impending 1 9 enemy attack; (b) invasion; (c) insurrection; (d) rebellion; 1 10 (e) revolution; (f) civil war; (g) usurped power; (h) order of 1 11 any civil authority except acts of destruction at the time of 1 12 and for the purpose of preventing the spread of fire, provided 1 13 that such fire did not originate from any of the perils 1 14 excluded by this policy; (i) neglect of an insured to use all 1 15 reasonable means to save and preserve the property at and 1 16 after a loss, or when the property is endangered by fire in 1 17 neighboring premises; (j) nor shall this company be liable for 1 18 loss by theft. 19

This company shall not be liable for loss or damage by fire 20 or other perils insured against in a commercial policy caused, 21 directly or indirectly, by acts of terrorism, unless an 22 endorsement specifically assuming coverage for loss or damage 23 caused by terrorism is attached to the policy.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of 1 25 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable to 1 27 commercial fire insurance contracts issued pursuant to chapter 1 28 515 which are delivered, amended, or renewed on or after the 29 effective date of the Act.

EXPLANATION

This bill provides that a commercial fire insurance 33 contract does not include coverage for loss or damage by fire 1 34 or other perils insured against in the policy caused, directly 35 or indirectly, by acts of terrorism, unless an endorsement 1 specifically assuming coverage for such loss or damage is 2 attached to the policy.

The bill is effective upon enactment. The bill is 4 applicable to commercial fire insurance contracts issued 5 pursuant to Code chapter 515 which are delivered, amended, or 6 renewed on or after the date the bill is enacted.

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